

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 11 and 18-24 are pending. Claims 19-24 have been withdrawn from consideration. Accordingly, claims 11 and 18 are pending and at issue.

Rejections Under Judicially Created Doctrine of Obviousness Double Patenting

Claim 11 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness double patenting over claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,288,210. Claim 18 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness double patenting over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,653,439. Although applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner, solely to advance prosecution, applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,288,210 and U.S. Patent No. 6,653,439.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to acknowledge consideration of JP 51-114495, which was not initialed in the PTO/SB/08 form returned with the instant Office Action. Applicants also request that the Examiner consider the reference submitted with the IDS submitted concurrently with this Response.

In view of the above, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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